

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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NUTRIENT BASED SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the parameters fixed for payment of subsidy under NBS scheme.
- (c) whether it is true that the requirement of fertilizer of Assam has not been assessed properly by the concerned department as a result farmers of Assam are facing difficulties in getting sufficient fertilizers in the State.
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take action to provide sufficient fertilizers to Assam as per the requirement of the State and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a): The rates of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) on decontrolled phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers during each of the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure.

(b): The parameters fixed for payment of subsidy under NBS policy are as under:

(i) For P&K Fertilizers except SSP: 85% (90% with Bank Guarantee) of the subsidy claims of fertilizer companies is paid as 'on account' payment on receipt of fertilizers in the district on certification by the Company's Statutory Auditor. The balance 10-15% is released on State Government's certification of quantity in m-FMS and fertilizer receipt confirmation by retail dealers through mobile Fertilizer Monitoring System (m-FMS).

(ii) For SSP fertilizer: 85% (90% with Bank Guarantee) of the claim of subsidy is paid as 'on account' payment on 1st point sale of fertilizers in the districts on certification by the Company's Statutory Auditor. The balance 10-15% claim is released subject to State Government's certification on quantity and quality in m-FMS as well as fertilizer receipt confirmation by retail dealers through m-FMS.

(c) to (e): Month-wise and State-wise demand of fertilizers is assessed and projected by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) in consultation with State Governments before commencement of each cropping season. DAC conveys the assessed requirement of fertilizers to Department of Fertilizers (DOF) as this Department is mandated to fulfill the requirement of the States from available sources. DOF makes available the required quantity at the State level and the State Governments are responsible for further distribution of fertilizers within the States.

The statement showing the details of requirement, availability and sales for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto 31.7.2014) in respect of the state of Assam is given below:

	UREA (in LMT)		DAP (in LMT)			
Year	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales
2013-14	3.45	2.68	2.67	0.60	0.31	0.29
2014-15	0.96	1.19	1.18	0.13	0.10	0.09

(upto 31.7.2014)

	MOP(in LMT)		NPK (in LMT)			
Year	Requirement	Availability	Sales	Requirement	Availability	Sales
2013-14	1.25	0.84	0.80	0.28	0.06	0.05
2014-15	0.40	0.19	0.14	0.03	0.05	0.03

(upto 31.7.2014)

It may be seen from the statement that availability of fertilizers as compared to sales was quite satisfactory in the state of Assam.